

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Si Yi Li et al.

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Title: METHOD OF PLASMA ETCHING
LOW-K DIELECTRIC MATERIALS



) Group Art Unit: 1763

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the 395 790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1. A. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.

B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested:

Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 5, 2006.

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.

Other: _____

2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:

Amendment/Reply.

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

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Information Disclosure Statement.

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Other: [List Other documents filed with submission here]

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3. Small entity status is hereby claimed.

- No additional claim fee is required.
- The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

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Examination Fee (1801)					
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	
Total Claims	23	Minus 26=	0	x 50 (1201)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	2	Minus 3=	0	x 200 (1201)	\$ 0
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$ 360					\$ 0
Total Fee					\$ 0
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TOTAL FEE DUE					\$ 790

4. Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. **02-4800** for the fee due.
5. A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
6. Charge \$ 790.00 to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
7. Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

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8. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,
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